



Join us at the first Rockford meeting of Illinois Open Technology Challenge

When: Thursday, January 17, 6-8:30PM

Where: Northern Illinois University – Rockford

Classroom 101

8500 E. State Street Rockford, IL 61108

RSVP: <u>www.meetup.com/Illinois-Open-Technology/</u>
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The Illinois Open Technology Challenge is a multi-month initiative aimed to make Illinois' open data platform, <u>Data.Illinois.Gov</u>, available statewide, and host government trainings, community meetings and hackathons that will bring together developers in technology with civic-minded individuals and organizations. Our goal is to help develop a real community where we will see sustainable civic results and developers will prosper.

At least **\$75K** in total prize money will be awarded to any individual, or team of individuals for developing innovative software applications that utilize open government data to best address the challenges in one of our communities: Belleville, Champaign, Rockford and South Suburbs.

There is lots to discuss - please join us on Thursday, January 17.







